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## METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DATA STORAGE USING STRIPING

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2006, please enter the following amendments to the above-identified application.